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### A Lady May Join 'CIA Six'

If, as now expected, Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, R-Mass., does not seek re-election, Maine's Margaret Chase Smith would become ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee and a member of the Senate's most exclusive subcommittee, the group of six who oversee the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mrs. Smith's seniority on Armed Services entitled her to membership in the CIA group for three years, but she has been blocked by Saltonstall, who simply has failed to name her to a vacancy.

As originally set up, the CIA watchdog committee was to consist of the five highest-ranking senators from the Armed Services and Appropriations committees. Membership has run less than 10, however, because powerful old-timers like Saltonstall hold top posts on both units.

Until recently the "CIA six" was composed of Sens. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., John Stennis, D-Miss., Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., Saltonstall, Milton R. Young, R-N.D. and Carl Hayden, D-Ariz.

Byrd's resignation cut it to five and Saltonstall's exit would chop it to four. Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo. is in line to succeed Byrd.



Mrs. Smith

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